FINANCE, BS
for the degree of Bachelor of Science Major in Finance

The field of finance is primarily concerned with the acquisition and management of funds by business firms, governments, and individuals. A business seeks financial advice when considering the purchase of new equipment, the expansion of present facilities, or the raising of additional funds. Determining the value of financial and real assets and derivatives is a key activity in finance.

As the study of finance is designed to provide the student with both the theoretical background and the analytical tools required to make effective judgments in finance, many students select careers in business financial management, commercial and investment banking, investments, government finance, insurance, and real estate. In addition to the finance major requirements, students in finance must meet the University General Education requirements and the Gies College of Business core requirements (for more detail, see the Gies College of Business undergraduate section (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/business)).

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Advising Notes

- Courses taken to fulfill major requirements may not be taken on a credit-no credit basis.
- It is recommended that Finance majors take additional accounting. ACCY 201 and ACCY 202 are required in the business core. Many employers look favorably upon additional accounting courses.

Core Curriculum

Normally, students must register for no fewer than 12 hours or more than 18 hours in each semester. Students should take mathematics, economics, and accountancy courses in the semesters indicated in the sample schedule of courses. The computer science course must be taken during the first year. The computer science requirement no longer allows ACE 161 as an equivalent course. A required course that is failed must be repeated the next semester.

Up to 4 hours of Kinesiology activity courses, numbered 100-110 may be counted toward the 124 hours for the degree. The same section of a course may not be repeated for credit. Credit is limited to a maximum of 12 credit hours for 199 courses. Students may receive foreign language credit for courses only 2 levels below highest level taken in high school. For example: 4 years of high school French-no credit below FR 102.

Credit toward the 124 degree hours is not given for MATH 101. Once the math requirement is completed, lower level math courses cannot be taken for credit. For military and naval science courses, only credit at the 300 level and above may be counted toward the degree.

Any course used to fill a specific degree requirement may not be taken on the credit-no credit grade option. Only free electives may be taken on the credit-no credit option. All finance and accountancy courses must be taken for a grade. It is recommended that all courses taken in the business administration area be taken for a grade.

University Composition Requirements

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<td>Composition I: Principles of Composition ¹</td>
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<td>Advanced Composition</td>
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General Education Requirements

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<td>A minimum of six courses is required, as follows:</td>
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<td>Humanities &amp; the Arts: Literature &amp; the Arts (1-2 courses)⁴</td>
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<td>Humanities &amp; the Arts: Historical &amp; Philosophical</td>
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<td>Perspectives (1-2 courses) ⁶</td>
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<td>Natural Sciences &amp; Technology: Physical Sciences (0-2</td>
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<td>Natural Sciences &amp; Technology: Life Sciences (0-2 courses)⁵</td>
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<td>Behavioral Sciences (1 course)</td>
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Non-Primary Language Requirement

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<td>Completion of the fourth semester or equivalent of a</td>
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<td>non-primary language is required. Completion of four years</td>
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<td>of a single language in high school satisfies this</td>
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<td>requirement. A student may also meet this requirement</td>
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<td>by completing two non-primary languages to the third</td>
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Business Core Requirements

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<td>BUS 101</td>
<td>Professional Responsibility and Business ²</td>
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<td>BUS 201</td>
<td>Business Dynamics</td>
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<td>ACCY 201</td>
<td>Accounting and Accountancy I</td>
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<td>BADM 300</td>
<td>The Legal Environment of Bus</td>
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<td>Business Policy and Strategy</td>
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<td>CS 105</td>
<td>Intro Computing: Non-Tech</td>
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<td>&amp; ECON 103</td>
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<td>BADM 210</td>
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<td>&amp; BADM 211</td>
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<td>ECON 302</td>
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<td>FIN 221</td>
<td>Corporate Finance</td>
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<td>MATH 234</td>
<td>Calculus for Business I ³</td>
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<td>CMN 101</td>
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Courses to yield this total 15-38

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<td>Elective course work</td>
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<td>Minimum total hours for the degree</td>
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For a list of the specific courses that meet this requirement, see the college Office of Undergraduate Affairs in 1055 Business Instructional Facility or see the Course Explorer for a list of approved general education courses.

BUS 101 and BUS 201 are required for all Gies College of Business students. Students who enter the College their first year take each sequential course every fall. Inter-College transfer students take BUS 101 and BUS 201 in their sophomore year. Off-campus transfer students take BUS 101 and BUS 201 in their junior year.

MATH 220 or MATH 221 may be substituted for MATH 234. (See college mathematics requirement above.

Three courses in the Humanities & the Arts area are required and students must complete at least one course in the Literature & the Arts and Historical & Perspectives subcategories. At least one of the courses must be a 200 or higher level course.

Two courses in the Natural Sciences & Technology area are required. It is strongly recommended that students complete one course in the Physical Sciences and Life Sciences subcategories.

This course includes limited voluntary participation as a subject in experiments.

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<td>Advanced Corporate Finance (Prerequisite: FIN 300 Financial Markets)</td>
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<td>Three additional full-semester, 3-hour 400-level Finance courses except FIN 494 or FIN 495 (Senior Research) and FIN 490 (Special Topics).</td>
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<td>Select one of the following (Major elective):</td>
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<td>ACCY 301 Atg Measurement &amp; Disclosure (Prerequisite: ACCY 202)</td>
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<td>ACCY 302 Decision Making for Atg (Prerequisite: ACCY 202)</td>
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<td>ACE 428 Commodity Futures and Options</td>
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<td>BADM 374 Management Decision Models (Prerequisite: ECON 202 or consent of instructor)</td>
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<td>Economics: any 300- or 400-level course excluding ECON 302</td>
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<td>GEOG 483 Urban Geography</td>
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<td>Mathematics or statistics: any course above the minimum mathematics or statistics requirement of the college with the exception of MATH 225.</td>
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<td>Other courses as recommended by the Department of Finance faculty and approved by the Department of Finance chairperson.</td>
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For Students Admitted Fall 2016 and Later

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<td>Four additional full-semester, 3 hour 400 level-Finance courses except FIN 494 or FIN 495 (Senior Research) and FIN 490 (Special Topics).</td>
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<td>One additional full-semester, 3-hour Finance course, which may be one 200-level course, one 3-hour 490, or one 3-hour 494 or 495</td>
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